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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BARBADOS.

Smallpox situation—Smallpox in Jamaica.

Mr. James Sanderson, clerk of general board of health and quarantine board, reports, February 14, as follows: Between the nights of January 31 and the 13th instant 9 cases of smallpox have been reported, being 1 more than in the previous fortnight. There have been 1 death and 7 discharges, leaving 16 cases under treatment last night, all at Pelican Island. Seven of the cases were from the old infected district in St. Georges, and 2 from St. Michaels. There has not been a case in any of the other parishes, except Christ Church, since January 6. The Christ Church case was on January 27. The total number of cases to last night was 1,423, with 116 deaths.

By the mail on the 1st instant I received information from the quarantine board of Jamaica that smallpox of a very mild type had made its appearance at Duan Vale, in the parish of Trelawney, in that island, a place stated to be far removed from any seaport and about 70 miles from Kingston; that the patients had been removed to the isolation hospital near Duan Vale and were doing well, and a strict watch was being kept on all persons who were known to have come in contact with them. My board have decided not to quarantine arrivals from Jamaica until further information has been received from there as to whether the disease is spreading, but they have requested the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company not at present to bring third-class or deck passengers from Jamaica for this island. Should they, however, bring any such passengers the captain of the steamer bringing them will be required to furnish a complete list of such persons, with their shore addresses here, and those persons will be subjected to daily inspection for a period to complete fourteen days from the day they left Jamaica.

The same procedure will also be enforced in respect to the same class of passengers arriving from the United States and the Dominion of Canada where smallpox is epidemic.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at St. John, New Brunswick.

Assistant Surgeon Billings reports, February 24, as follows: Week ended Saturday, February 21, 1903: Number inspected, 222; number passed, 218; number detained, 4.

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